

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

FM HOLDINGS, LLC, f/k/a)
FORWARDMARKET, LLC,)
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 Plaintiff,) Civil Action No.
 v.) 05-11400-MLW
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 BILL MAHONEY and STEPHEN)
 GREGORIO,)
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 Defendants.)
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**[PROPOSED] STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER
REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY**

Plaintiff FM Holdings, LLC f/k/a Forwardmarket (“FM Holdings”), Defendant Bill Mahoney (“Mahoney”), and Defendant Stephen Gregorio (“Gregorio”) (together the “Parties”) have agreed that certain information, documents and things subject to discovery in this action may be claimed to be highly sensitive or to contain confidential business, financial, employment, or personal information (“Confidential Information” as defined in paragraph 6). In the interest of expediting discovery and permitting discovery to proceed, the Parties have further agreed to abide by the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order until this order, or another order addressing confidential information, is entered by the Court.

Subject to the approval of the Court, the Parties hereby stipulate that:

1. This Stipulated Protective Order shall apply to all information, documents and things subject to discovery or otherwise provided in the above-identified action that are designated as confidential in accordance with the terms of this Order, including without limitation, testimony adduced at depositions upon oral examination or upon written questions,

answers to interrogatories, documents and things produced to the Receiving Party(ies), whether in the form of originals or copies, information obtained from inspection of premises or things, and answers to requests for admissions. This Order shall apply to the production of such information by both parties and third parties to this litigation.

“Receiving Party” is defined to mean any party or non-party to this action receiving particular information, documents or things from a Disclosing Entity.

“Disclosing Entity” is any party or non-party to this action that produces, serves, testifies about, proffers testimony about, discloses, or otherwise provides particular information, documents or things in this litigation pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules or this Court or an order of this Court. The provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order shall fully apply to Confidential Information provided by a Disclosing Entity.

“Designating Party” shall mean the party or non-party that designates particular information, documents or things as Confidential Information.

“Protected Information” shall mean any information that is designated as Confidential Information pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order.

“Outside Counsel” refers to the following law firms: Dechert LLP, Yurko, Salvesen & Remz, PC, and any other law firm that may appear on behalf of the Parties.

2. Use of Confidential Information - Any information, documents, or things designated as Confidential Information by a Disclosing Entity shall be used by the Receiving Party(ies) solely for the preparation and trial of this lawsuit, settlement discussions, and negotiations in connection with this lawsuit, or for any form of alternative dispute resolution of this action, and for no other purpose.

3. All documents and things provided in discovery by each Party shall bear identifying numbers when a copy or copies are given to the Receiving Party(ies). The Disclosing Entity shall be indicated, as a prefix to the identifying numbers stamped on the document pursuant to this paragraph: "FM" for FM Holdings; "MAH" for Mahoney; "GRE" for Gregorio; or such other prefix as may be appropriate to indicate the Disclosing Entity.

4. Each document or thing provided to the Receiving Party(ies), or any portion thereof, each set of interrogatory answers or portion thereof, and each set of answers to a request for admission or portion thereof that discloses information deemed by the Disclosing Entity in good faith to be Confidential Information, as those terms are defined in paragraph 6, shall be so identified at the time of service of such discovery by including on each page the legend "CONFIDENTIAL." Copies or excerpts of pleadings, motions, trial briefs, summaries, notes, charts, or the like containing any information, document, or thing designated as Confidential Information shall also be treated accordingly.

5. Each transcript of a deposition of a Disclosing Entity shall be presumptively deemed to be Confidential Information and subject to the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order for a period of fourteen (14) days following the date of receipt of the official transcript by counsel for the deponent or counsel for any party to this action (the "Receipt Date"). If counsel for the deponent if the deponent is not a party, or Outside counsel for a party deponent ("Defending Counsel"), notifies counsel of record for the deposing party ("Deposing Counsel") in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Receipt Date, the transcript shall maintain Confidential status for the remainder of the thirty (30) day period following the Receipt Date. By notifying counsel of record in writing of the intent to designate portions of the transcript within fourteen (14) days of the Receipt Date, and subsequently notifying counsel of record in

writing of the designation within thirty (30) days from the Receipt Date, Defending Counsel may designate certain portions of the deposition as containing Confidential Information, and such portions shall be treated as subject to the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order. Outside Counsel for each party shall be responsible for marking the designated portions of copies of the transcript in their possession as "CONFIDENTIAL" and in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4. If no designation is made within thirty (30) days from the Receipt Date, the transcript (but not the deposition exhibits) shall be deemed not to contain any Confidential Information. Outside Counsel may not simply designate an entire transcript, but shall make a good faith effort to designate by page and line number. Regardless of any action taken by outside counsel concerning the confidentiality designation of portions of a deposition transcript, deposition exhibits will retain their original confidentiality designation unless modified under the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order.

If the deponent or any party to this action designates a portion of the deposition as Confidential Information on the record during the deposition, the designating party shall have the right to have all persons not permitted access by this Stipulated Protective Order excluded from that portion of the deposition, before the taking of testimony which has been designated as Confidential Information. Any such designation on the record shall be binding on the parties, without the need for further written designation.

6. Any information, documents and things that relate to non-public, sensitive or confidential information, the uncontrolled disclosure of which would be detrimental to the disclosing party, may be designated as Confidential. Information, documents and things identified as Confidential Information by a Disclosing Entity shall not be disclosed, given,

shown, made available or communicated in any way, directly or indirectly, to anyone other than the following:

- (a) Outside Counsel for each party;
- (b) Employees of the Parties, including Inside Counsel;
- (c) Experts for the Receiving Party(ies) who are not regularly employed by either party and whose advice and consultations are being or will be used by a party in connection with preparation for trial or trial of this action; provided, however, that Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to any independent expert until that person has executed a copy of the Undertaking acknowledging that he or she has read a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order and agrees to be bound by its terms;
- (d) Associates, stenographic, clerical and support staff of the persons defined in paragraphs 6(a) and 6(c) whose functions require them to have access to the Confidential Information;
- (e) Employees of third-party companies involved solely in one or more aspects of (i) organization, copying, copy filing, copy coding, converting, storing, or retrieving data, (ii) designing simulations, exhibits, or trial aids, or designing programs for handling data in connection with this litigation, including providing computerized litigation support, or (iii) jury consultant services, provided that each company involved in one or more aspects under (ii or iii) above has agreed to be bound by the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order by either signing a copy of the Undertaking or by giving other reasonable assurances that it will keep the documents and information confidential; and
- (f) Court officials (including court reporters and any special master or technical advisor appointed by the court) and court staff in connection with any court's administration and adjudication of this action.

Confidential Information disclosed shall be used only for the purpose of litigating this case and shall not be used by the Receiving Party(ies) for any business, financial or other purpose whatsoever. Nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order shall prohibit or restrict a Disclosing Entity from disclosing or using in any way its own Confidential Information.

The designation of any document as Confidential Information shall not preclude any party to this action from showing the document to any person or party who (a) appears as the author or as an addressee on the face of the document or (b) otherwise appears to have already seen the document.

7. To the extent that it is necessary to file any documents or things that have been designated Confidential Information or that disclose or reference any Confidential Information with the Court in connection with these proceedings, such documents or things shall be filed

under seal in accordance with the local rules of the Court.

~~8. The recipient of information, documents or things identified as Confidential~~

*Redacted copy
shall be filed for the public record
and
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Information hereunder shall maintain such information, documents or things in a secure and safe area and shall exercise due and proper care with respect to the storage, custody use and/or dissemination of such information, documents or things. Confidential Information shall be held in confidence by each person to whom it is disclosed, and shall be carefully maintained so as to preclude access by persons who are not entitled to receive such information. Outside Counsel must maintain copies of all executed Undertakings.

9. Inspection or receipt by a party of information, a document or thing identified as Confidential Information hereunder shall not constitute a concession by that party that the information, document or thing is deserving of confidentiality protection. Nor shall such

designation of information, documents or things be construed as an admission that the information is relevant or material to any issues in this action.

10. Subsequent to the inspection or receipt of information, documents or things identified as Confidential Information hereunder, any party or third party may request that the Designating Party redesignate such information, documents or things. Such request shall be by written notice to counsel for the Designating Party and shall particularly identify the information, documents or things and explain the basis for the redesignation request. If a dispute arises and it is not resolved within fourteen (14) business days of counsel for the Designating Party's receipt of the written notice, the Receiving Entity shall have ten (10) business days thereafter to file a motion with the Court to redesignate the Confidential Information. The Receiving Entity's failure to file a motion within the ten (10) business days shall waive the right to contest confidentiality. Pending the Court's determination of any motion contesting a designation of Confidential Information, the information, documents or things shall remain as designated. In the resolution of such motion, the Designating Party shall have the obligation of showing a good faith basis for contending that the information, documents or things are in fact Confidential. However, the party challenging the designation of the information, documents or things shall have the burden of showing that the information, documents or things are not properly designated pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order. It is not intended that Confidential designations will be used by the Designating Party to increase litigation costs or hamper litigation preparation by the Receiving Party.

11. Without resort to the procedure outlined in paragraph 10, any party (or any third party subject to this Stipulated Protective Order) who was not the Disclosing Entity of particular information, documents and things, may designate or change the designation of the information,

documents or things (including any pleadings, portions of any deposition transcript, or other items subject to this Stipulated Protective Order) as Protected Information within 30 days of production or other disclosure by the Disclosing Entity, so long as (1) the information, documents or things at issue constitute information, documents or things of the person or party designating them as Protected Information and (2) there is a reasonable basis, pursuant to paragraph 6 of this Stipulated Protective Order, to designate the information, documents or things as Protected Information. Any party challenging the designation of the information, documents or things shall have the burden of showing that the information, documents or things are not properly designated pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order. Any party or third party may not reduce the level of protection of a document designated by another party or third party without challenging the designation according to Paragraph 10 of this Stipulated Protective Order.

12. Nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order shall require disclosure of information, documents or things which the Disclosing Entity contends is protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege or the work-product immunity, or the disclosure of which would breach a court order or an express or implied agreement with a third party to maintain such information, documents or things in confidence. However, any party may move the Court for an order directing the disclosure of such information, documents or things so that the Court can resolve any such issue.

13. Inadvertent production of a document or thing shall not result in a waiver of the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work-product immunity provided that, within fifteen (15) business days of discovery of such production, the Disclosing Entity issues a Recall Notice that (a) identifies the information, document or thing, (b) presents a showing that the information,

document or thing should have been protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work-product immunity, and (c) presents a showing that the production was inadvertent. Within seven (7) business days of the Disclosing Entity's Recall Notice, the Receiving Party(ies) shall return the originals and all copies of the privileged or immune information, document, or thing. However, the Receiving Party(ies) may file a motion objecting to the return of the information, document, or thing no later than fourteen (14) days after receiving the Disclosing Entity's Recall Notice. Failure to do so shall waive the right of the Receiving Party to claim that the information, document or thing is not protected by privilege or immunity. Pending the Court's determination of any motion, the information, documents or things shall remain protected by the attorney-client privilege or attorney work-product immunity. In the resolution of such motion, the Receiving Party shall have the obligation of (a) lodging copies of the information, documents, or things with the court for an *in camera* review; and (b) showing a good faith basis for contending that the production was not inadvertent, and that the information, documents or things should not be protected by privilege or immunity.

14. The inadvertent or unintentional disclosure by the Disclosing Entity of information, documents or things which it thereafter believes should have been designated as Confidential Information, regardless of whether the information, documents or things were so designated at the time of disclosure, shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of the Disclosing Entity's claim that the information is Confidential, either as to the specific information disclosed or as to any other information relating thereto or on the same or related subject matter; provided, however, the Disclosing Entity must notify the Receiving Party(ies) promptly upon discovery of the inadvertent or unintentional failure to designate and must provide written notice to the Receiving Party(ies) that the information, documents or things are

Confidential Information and should be treated in accordance with the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order. From the date such notice is received, the Receiving Party(ies) must treat such information, documents or things as Confidential Information, as appropriate, unless it successfully moves for redesignation pursuant to paragraph 10.

Disclosure of such information or material prior to receipt of such notice to persons not authorized to receive Confidential Information shall not be deemed a violation of this Stipulated Protective Order; however, those persons to whom disclosure was made must be advised that the material disclosed is Confidential Information and should be treated thereafter in accordance with this Stipulated Protective Order. In complying with the provisions of this paragraph, the Receiving Party shall notify the Disclosing party that such disclosure was made and that the provisions of this paragraph have been satisfied, however, the Receiving party is not required to disclose the identity of those persons to whom disclosure was made.

15. In the event that a party to this action shall desire to provide access to information, documents or things identified as Confidential Information to any person or category of persons not authorized by paragraph 6, Outside Counsel for such party shall provide written notice to counsel for the Disclosing Entity of its intent to make such disclosure, stating therein the specific information, documents and things to be disclosed at least seven (7) business days before any information is made available to such person(s). With the written notice shall be included a fully executed copy of the Undertaking attached as Exhibit A (except in the case of use of such documents during deposition of a third-party deponent) and an explanation of the background of the person(s) and the intended purpose for the disclosure to the person(s) sufficient to allow the Disclosing Entity to determine whether such disclosure might cause it injury. If the Disclosing Entity objects in writing within seven (7) business days of such notice,

no disclosure shall be made to the person(s), and the party desiring to make such disclosure may move the Court for an order that such person(s) be given access to the Confidential Information. If the motion is granted, such person(s) may have access to the information, provided that such person(s) have agreed in writing before such access is given to be bound by the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order (except in the case of use of such documents during deposition of a third-party deponent), by signing a copy of the Undertaking, a fully executed copy of which will be provided to the Disclosing Entity before the Receiving Party(ies) transmits such information to such person(s).

16. Upon final termination of this action, including all appeals, and upon written request by a Disclosing Entity, Outside Counsel for each party shall (i) assemble and return to the Disclosing Entity or (ii) destroy all information, documents and things produced by the Disclosing Entity designated as Confidential Information, along with all copies of such information, documents or things. Outside Counsel for the party so requested shall certify in writing that such return and/or destruction has been completed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Outside Counsel for the Parties shall be entitled to retain all litigation documents including exhibits and their own memoranda containing Confidential Information, but such litigation documents and memoranda shall be used only for the purpose of preserving a file on this action, and shall not, without the written permission of the Disclosing Entity or an order of the Court, be disclosed to anyone other than such Outside Counsel. A Party to this action which has disclosed Confidential Information to the Parties or person(s) identified in paragraphs 6 and 15 is responsible for obtaining all documents or things containing such information from the Parties or person(s), and for disposing of those documents or things in the manner provided for in this paragraph.

17. The restrictions set forth in the preceding paragraphs shall not apply to information, documents or things which (i) at or prior to disclosure thereof in this action, is or was a matter of public knowledge or was independently developed by the Receiving Party(ies), or (ii) after disclosure thereof, becomes public knowledge other than by act or omission of the Receiving Party(ies) or its agents, experts, and attorneys or (iii) is disclosed by the Disclosing Entity without restriction to a third party who is not subject to this Stipulated Protective Order. No party hereto shall be bound by this Stipulated Protective Order as to any information, documents or things which it possessed prior to signing this Stipulated Protective Order, unless such information, documents or things were obtained under circumstances requiring its treatment as confidential. It shall not be a violation of this Stipulated Protective Order for a Party to disclose or use information, documents and things that have not been designated as Protected Information pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order.

18. Nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order shall bar or otherwise restrict any attorney from rendering advice to his or her client with respect to this action, provided that in rendering such advice or in otherwise communicating with his or her client, the attorney shall not disclose the specific content of any information, document or thing identified as Confidential by a Disclosing Entity where such disclosure would not otherwise be permitted under the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order.

19. This Stipulated Protective Order shall be without prejudice to the right of any party to seek modification, by leave of Court.

20. All notices required by this Stipulated Protective Order are to be served via facsimile or email with transmission completed no later than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, and with a confirmation copy sent by overnight mail or email, to the appropriate attorney(s) at

Yurko, Salvesen & Remz, PC and Dechert LLP. Provided that facsimile or email transmission is completed no later than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, the date by which a party to this action receiving a notice shall respond, or otherwise take action, shall be computed from the date that the facsimile or email was sent. If that facsimile or email transmission is not completed by 5:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, the date by which a party to this action receiving a notice shall respond, or otherwise take action, shall be computed from the first business day following the date that the facsimile or email was sent.

21. This Stipulated Protective Order shall survive the final adjudication of this litigation (including any appellate proceedings) and termination of proceedings shall not relieve any person or party from the obligations of this Stipulated Protective Order. The Parties and any other person subject to the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order agree that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over it and them for the purpose of enforcing this order, including by entering an order for injunctive relief.

22. This Stipulated Protective Order shall govern practice proceedings. Issues of confidentiality at trial will be addressed separately. ^{ent} 2/5/06

23. The court reserves the right to modify this Stipulated Protective Order after giving the parties notice and an opportunity to be heard. ⁻¹³⁻ 2/5/06

Agreed to this 27th day of January, 2006.

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Mark L. Wolf, United States District Judge

Dated

EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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UNDERTAKING

State of _____

County of _____

I, _____, declare as follows:

1. My business address is _____.

2. My present employer and the address of my present employer (if different from
above) are _____.3. My present occupation or job description is _____. My
job title is _____.4. The purpose of my receiving confidential information in this action is
_____.

5. I have received a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in this action.

6. I have carefully read and understand the provisions of the Stipulated Protective
Order.

7. I agree to be bound by the terms of the Stipulated Protective Order.

8. I will hold in confidence, will not disclose to anyone not qualified under the Stipulated Protective Order, and will use only for the purposes of this action, any Confidential Information that is disclosed to me, and will maintain such information in a safe and secure place.

9. I will return all Confidential Information that comes into my possession, and documents or things which I have prepared relating thereto, to counsel for the party by whom I am employed or retained. However, I acknowledge that such return shall not relieve me from any of the continuing obligations imposed on me by the Stipulated Protective Order.

10. I hereby submit myself to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts for the purpose of enforcement of the Stipulated Protective Order in this action.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature

Print Name

Dated